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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | Case No. 2:87-cr-00085 JAM |
| |) | 2:87-cr-00205 JAM |
| <i>Plaintiff,</i> |) | |
| |) | APPLICATION AND ORDER |
| vs. |) | APPOINTING COUNSEL |
| |) | |
| BRUCE MAURICE PHYTLA, |) | |
| |) | |
| <i>Defendant.</i> |) | |
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Defendant, Bruce Maurice Phytla, through the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California, hereby requests appointment of counsel for assistance in seeking early termination of his probation on the two cases mentioned above.

On September 10, 1987, Mr. Phytla was sentenced to 5 years of probation at the Eastern District of California in Sacramento. He began serving his probation upon his release on August 19, 2016 and was referred to our office by his probation officer here in Fresno, California. Mr. Phytla submits the attached Financial Affidavit as evidence of his inability to retain counsel at this time. Therefore, after reviewing Mr. Phytla Financial Affidavit, it is respectfully recommended that Assistant Federal Defender be promptly appointed.

1 DATED: March 26, 2021

/s/ Eric V Kersten

ERIC V. KERSTEN

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4 **ORDER**

5 Having satisfied the Court that the defendant is financially unable to retain counsel at this
6 time, the Court hereby appoints counsel pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A.
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9 DATED: March 26, 2021

/s/ John A. Mendez

THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MENDEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE